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In re application of: **HAGIWARA, Kenji *et al.***

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IN RESPONSE TO

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Sir:

Applicants respond herein to the January 7, 2005 Office Action. Applicants also appreciate the opportunity to discuss the present prosecution with the Examiner of record and with Examiner Ferris during the personal interview of March 29, 2005. To comply with PTO regulations, applicants summarize the interview discussion in the present submission.

The discussion focused on the anticipation rejection of claim 1, and the parties disagreed on the proper interpretation of the prior art. In particular, the examiners believed that certain subject matter was inherent, while the attorney of record responded with explanations of why it could not be inherent. More details are provided below.